



FREEDOM WATCH



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Bagram, Afghanistan

News briefs

Enemy forces fire on U.S. personnel

U.S. special operators came under small-arms fire in two incidents in Afghanistan Tuesday.

There were no U.S. casualties in either incident.

In the first incident, special operations forces on patrol came under fire in Tarin Kowht, the capital of Oruzgan Province.

The U.S. service members returned fire, killing two. The incident happened at 7 a.m. (Z).

The second occurred at 2:30 p.m. (Z) near the village of Skhin in Paktika Province.

Enemy forces in a group of buildings opened fire on U.S. special operations forces and their Afghan allies.

The coalition forces took cover, assessed the situation and called for close air support. An AC-130 Spectre gunship quickly arrived on station and fired on the buildings with 105 mm and 40 mm cannon.

Italians lead runway repair

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BAGRAM AIR BASE, Afghanistan—As the concrete mixer pours part of the airstrip being reconstructed, the sun continuously pounds the engineers from around the world.

In harsh Bagram conditions, Italian, Polish and U.S. military en-

gineers work together toward the same goal: making the runway operational and safe for the armies and air forces in Afghanistan. The Italian Air Force, with the support of U.S. and Polish Army engineers, is heading the reconstruction efforts.

"Repair to the Bagram airstrip is crucial to the whole operation," said 1st Lt. Tota

Giovanni, Italian Air Force Chief Engineer. "Bagram is far from all the other American bases and all of the other bases in Afghanistan rely on this airstrip to be operational."

The Russians originally built the runway in the '80s, but the Taliban bombed it.

"There are a lot of holes in the runway, making it dangerous for

the pilots," Giovanni said.

"The biggest holes from bombs have damaged about 35 slabs on the airfield. Currently, we can fix between six to nine slabs every two days."

All three countries assist using dump trucks and excavators.

"For the bigger

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Photo by Spc. Patrick Tharpe, 55th Signal Company

American remains head home

The remains of the three personnel who died in the MC-130H crash on June 12 in Southeastern Afghanistan were loaded onto a C-17 bound for Germany Tuesday from Bagram Air Base. The remains were then sent to the soldiers' home stations.

CHPPM-Europe team to deploy to Bagram

A team from the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine-Europe will deploy in the coming weeks to conduct a comprehensive environmental site assessment at Bagram Air Base.

This environmental assessment to monitor environmental, occupational and epidemiological threats is required in accordance with JCS Memorandum MCM-0006-02 dated Feb. 1, and Department of Defense

Directive 6490.2 for all deployments over 30 days.

A preliminary assessment of Bagram Air Base was conducted in November last year. Due to the presence of unexploded ordnance, the team could not survey many areas of the airbase. Additionally, Bagram Air Base has expanded considerably in size and complexity since the last assessment.

In the interim, the 25th Medical Detachment

(Preventative Medicine) has been conducting basic air and potable water sampling.

The CHPPM-Europe team will be sampling various environmental mediums (soil, water, air, radiation and noise) throughout parts of Bagram Air Base for the next several weeks.

The CHPPM-Europe team will deploy from Landstuhl, Germany, with a variety of specialties, including environmental engineering, environ-

mental toxicology, preventive, occupational and environmental medicine, epidemiology and health physics.

The team is supported by their own internationally accredited environmental laboratory at Landstuhl and a larger laboratory at CHPPM-Main, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. The results of this sampling will be compiled and a complete assessment will be reported.

To date, CHPPM-

Europe has not identified any harmful substances to which service members are exposed during the course of their normal duties at Bagram Air Base. Keeping our forces healthy while deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom is the primary concern of all members of the Combined Joint Task Force-180 medical team.

(CHPPM-Europe news release)

PSYOPs help TAs understand



کلمه کنید تا سعادت و خوشحالی دوباره به افغانستان برگردد. حمایت از حکومت جدید به معنای آینده درخشان برای شما و اطفال تان می باشد.
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HELP BRING BACK HAPPINESS TO AFGHANISTAN. SUPPORTING YOUR NEW GOVERNMENT OFFERS A BRIGHTER FUTURE FOR YOU AND YOUR CHILDREN



Psychological Operations (PSYOP) is a non-lethal means to influence the target audience (TA) to change their behavior in accordance with the commander's objectives. The ultimate objective of PSYOP is to convince enemy, friendly and neutral nations and forces to take actions that are favorable to the United States and its allies (FM 33-1).

PSYOP is not brain washing, intimidation or disinformation and the message has to be timely and accurate. Credibility is important if our message is to be believed and acted upon. Face-to-face, print, audio, visual and audio-visual are the most common means of disseminating a PSYOP message to the TA.

On the left are "leaflet" print products used to inform the local population on the importance of supporting the new government of Afghanistan and what opportunity it will bring them. There are a variety of other themes used to depict different messages to the TA that are contained on a multitude of different products that are all used to support the ongoing missions.

The leaflet is printed in the local language and is disseminated throughout the country to reinforce the mission of US/Coalition forces. It can be used in conjunction with other PSYOP products, Civil Affairs, and other organizations in order to reinforce a particular message in support of the commander's intent.

PSYOP forces currently work in conjunction with US/Coalition forces in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

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Photo by Spc. Erica Leigh Foley

Italian Air Force engineers work daily to reconstruct the coalition runway at Bagram Air Base.

holes we work together; for the smaller holes we just do them on our own," Giovanni said.

The Italians are getting support from the U.S. and Polish engineers making the feat easier and making it a learning experience for all.

"Sometimes we ask for help, and some times we give the help," he continued. "Italy has a particular know-how. In Italy, this is our job;

we usually do this."

In the past, the Italian Air Force has been to the Balkans to help out since they specialize in this activity."

Reconstructing the runway is a complex procedure, according to Giovanni.

"In order to fix the big holes, you have to break up the area all around it, create a flat bed

and fill it with blasted rock (big rocks), fill with gravel, use a roller machine after that, and then you put in concrete. The challenging part is making the surface flat," he said.

There are four ingredients that make up the material used, but the problem is that the percentages of the materials aren't fixed. So, in order to check the strength of the concrete, they use a machine.

"We are the only ones here who have the concrete testing machine. It tests how much pressure a cube can endure," Giovanni said. Using the machine to test small cubes of concrete, the engineers can make a "recipe" that works best in these environmental conditions.

Giovanni noted that it's fun to watch two different guys from two different countries who work differently to obtain the same result.

"All the knowledge and technology is exchanged between the (countries) and we all grow and learn; the feeling is very good," he said.

There is a cooperative effort by all.

"This is complex work, but it is composed by all of us working together," he said.

Giovanni added the engineers from all countries involved are contributing to the success of the repairs.

"We have a lot of differences in the way we work but we all want the same result."

Conditions at Bagram continue to improve

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BAGRAM AIR BASE, Afghanistan — With only the illumination from the moon, soldiers jump out of a moving plane onto the runway into the darkness of unknown territory, unsure what they will find.

"I was so worried, all I saw was nothing," said Capt. Kenneth Goodlow, Combined Joint Task Force -180 safety officer.

After walking around a little, he did find something.

"The first thing I saw was a sign on Motel 6 that said 'We'll keep the light on for ya,' but there was no light."

There was no light allowed. Not blue light, red light and especially not white light.

Their only food was wrapped in light brown plastic and included such delights as chicken and rice, Thai chicken and grilled pork chops warmed only by the MRE heater it came with. The self-cleaning process consisted of only baby-wipes or a bottle of water, soap and a washcloth.

Since then there has been an overhaul.

As one of the first soldiers here, he has seen Bagram Air Base grow and has seen the living conditions improve immensely.

At Bagram Air Base these days, there are established dining facilities, showers, improved

living quarters, a post exchange, laundry service, finance, gym, Morale, Welfare and Recreation tent and the ever-popular phone tent.

With two hot meals a day, the cooks have been serving a variety of tasty grub. Breakfast consists of scrambled eggs, sausage or bacon, French toast or waffles, oatmeal or grits, fresh fruit and muffins. There is also an array of condiments for each of the meals.

The dinner table has been graced with such company as porterhouse steaks, crab legs, chicken cordon blue, ribs, fried chicken, spaghetti and always escorted by vegetables

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Spanish Air Force extend medical aid to locals

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BAGRAM AIR BASE, Afghanistan – Getting medical aid in the village of Bagram was almost unheard of until the Spanish air force arrived.

Now, Afghan patients line up outside a home-turned-hospice, waiting for the small medical team from the Spanish air force to arrive. However, not all of the patients are seen since the clinic, due to having limited supplies, is open for only one hour, five days a week.

“The Spanish people helped at least 6,000 people in Bagram,” said 31-year-old Sardar, a Bagram resident. “The people are happy, particularly because the Spanish are helping the Bagram (residents).”

“The Spanish soldiers are the best,” said a Northern Alliance soldier. “They give help to the people. We can go to their hospital to get medicine.

“The price of medicine at Bagram is very much (expensive) and not very good (reliable). The Spanish have good medicine because it’s from Europe.”

Although the local populace reveres the Spanish, the doctors admit they have encountered several problems.

“Medications are given to patients,” said Col. Francisco Saucedo, pediatrician. “But they don’t take



Above: Spanish Air Force Lt. Raquel Moreno Gonzalez, nurse, checks for cataracts in an elderly Afghan woman at the off-base Bagram Clinic.

Below: Spanish Air Force Col. Francisco Saucedo performs an ear check on 9-month-old Ahmed Allah at the off base Bagram Clinic.

it, they trade it (sell it). That is why we are trying to give them shots instead of pills.”

If the medical team cannot treat a patient at the clinic, they write the patient a pass to enter Bagram Air Base for further treatment at the Spanish Hospital.

“But they also trade (sell) base slips,” Saucedo said. “It’s not a matter of trusting us, but trade.”

The concept of modern medicine is new to the Afghans. Oftentimes, they believe that the doctors can fix anything.

“We got a call from the MPs saying they have an Afghan who said he was shot. We sent the ambulance and the medics out,” Seva said. “It turns out that he was shot five years ago. He thought we could fix it

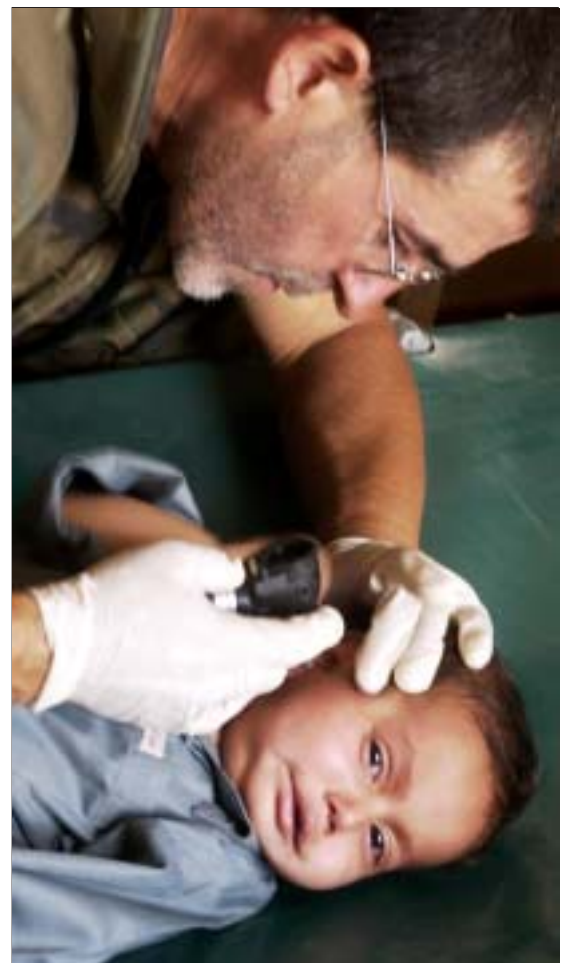
now.”

Similar cases have been reported to the Spanish airmen regarding fractures that are several years old.

When the doctors visit the clinics, a translator is usually on site. However, this can also be a problem.

“Most words we use are medical terms,” Saucedo said. “We had one translator who knew only one medical term ‘pneumonia.’ He told all the patients we saw that day that they had ‘pneumonia’ – patients with sore throats, small cuts, all had pneumonia.”

To remedy this situation, Saucedo said his team of doctors has separated the patient categories for the interpreter so that there



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and potatoes, noodles or rice.

As with breakfast, supper has spices and sauces to add a little zest. The usual salt and pepper has quite the competition with A-1 steak sauce, hot sauce, poultry seasoning and the condiments almost every American has at home, ketchup and mustard. Dinner is then topped off with desserts like cake and ice cream.

After a long hot day of working in the sun and dust, little can compare to the relief of a shower at the end of the

day.

"When we got here, there were six shower heads for 400 people and we had to walk a mile to use it," said Sgt. Eddie Dirck, 92nd Engineers, Fort Campbell, Ky. "Now we have showers right across the street."

In addition to the shower installment, there are improvements in living quarters. Local Afghan construction workers on post are building frames that sit above the ground. The frames offer a level floor that allows the tents to drain prop-

erly when the rainy season comes.

"It adds stability to the tent," said Goodlow. "The first week I was here we had 80-mile-per-hour winds."

He explained that the winds would blow the tents off the ground if they weren't staked down properly.

He also said that the Post Exchange had little to offer.

"Now the PX has coolers, food and movies. It gets better every time you go in," said Dirck.

Candy, cold soda, compact disks, DVDs, personal hygiene items and post cards are just a few

of the items available to personnel there.

Better laundry service is also available. When Dirck first got here, it took about a week for laundry services to be returned. Today, it's a mere three days.

The MWR tent gives soldiers a chance to watch a movie, read a book or work on a puzzle.

If doing rifle PT isn't enough, the base gym has free weights for all to use.

The Bagram Air Base metropolis has improved continuously.

"There are improvements to the base everyday," said Dirck.

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would be less confusion.

"We have two groups of patients – objectively treated (like those with fractures) and subjectively treated (like those with headaches and diarrhea)," said Saucedo.

"It's interesting from a personal point of view. Where they're from, the technology is 'old medicine.' 'Clinic medicine' is something they've never seen. There are cases here that we don't see in Spain – skin infection, large tumors, maggots in skin."

The Spanish doctors also visit a clinic in Cherkar each week, which is a half-hour travel from Bagram.

"Since there is a clinic already set up there, our doctors talk with the doctors there – giving new medications, exchanging books and knowledge," said Col. Luis Juillmon, commander.

Another weekly trip is to the Moradkhawaja clinic.

"The doctors in the rotation before us discovered



a boy there who had a huge tumor (lymphoma) in his face," Seva said. "They thought it would be treated better in Spain. The Ministry of Defense said 'yes.' He is getting better."

Every Friday, the boy is linked with his parents via video-conference. "We have put in another request back to Spain to send a girl with an abdominal tumor," Seva said. "They (the Spanish people) ask why we are just sending one patient and why only Afghanistan, and not countries like Colombia."

"The Spanish are concerned about the health of society. But

sometimes we have our own limitations and can't do as much as we can.

"We treated 8,000 people – of which only an eighth were with the coalition forces," he continued.

Other doctors look at Afghanistan as a challenge.

"I'm glad to be using 'old medicine,'" said Maj. Ignacio Ruiz, obstetrician. "The people here are not used to antibiotics and easily respond to simple medications."

To date, the Spanish hospital has 18 terminal Afghan patients.

"We have to keep in mind we work in a different culture and society, or we'll be depressed," Saucedo



Above left: Muhammad Nasir, translator for the Spanish Air Force and a pharmacist, gives an Afghan woman medication directions.

Above: The off base Bagram Clinic sees an average of 40 patients an hour, five days a week.

said. "Several cases here are terminal, whereas in Spain, they wouldn't be. You can't help as much as you would in our country."

"We can't solve the whole health problem in Afghanistan with our 47-man unit," Juillmon said. "We can only do the best we can."

FREEDOM'S VOICES

A meeting between rivals ends with different beating

Bottom line

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He awoke thinking about her.

Nothing he'd ever done before mattered now. Today, in front of approximately 36,000 screaming fans, he would have to face her.

While they'd met several times before this epic matchup, none of the stakes had been higher.

What would they do? What will be said? Will the winning party be able to look into the other's eyes the same way? When will they meet again, if ever, for something so big as this?

So many questions filled his racing mind as he approached the stadium. There were many of his fans already present to wish him luck. He saw

children proudly waving flags. He saw grown men, faces painted like a can of Mountain Dew, yelling at the top of their lungs.

He looked to the other side of the street to see her fans.

Everyone was wearing the red, white and blue colors on everything. "Go U.S.A.! Go U.S.A.!" was all he could make out.

Yes, this was going to be an important meeting. But their meetings weren't always so significant.

From 1937 to 1980, she never beat him. Ever.

With that incredible streak intact, there was never any reason to worry. She simply was not as good as he was. He had no choice but to portray himself as an arrogant person. He sometimes felt cheated when they played, because he wouldn't put much effort into his game.

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STREET TALK

Who do you think will win the World Cup and why?



"U.S., because I have to go with the country I am fighting for."

Spc. Derek Spradling
18th Abn. Corps
Fort Bragg, N.C.

"U.S., because I wear the patch."

Sgt. Michael Stacher
20th Engr. (TOPO)
Fort Bragg, N.C.



"Spain, because the last time I saw them they were a pretty good team."

Spc. Emanuel Gilbert
63rd Ordn. Bn.
Fort Lewis, Wash.

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ENTERTAINMENT

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Music Briefs

Brandy's got a baby —

R&B singer Brandy recently gave birth to a baby girl, who she named Sy'rai. In early February, Brandy disclosed that she had married producer/songwriter Robert last summer. Later that month, she revealed that she was expecting.

The singer released her latest album, *Full Moon*, in early March.

Eminem reigns supreme —

Controversial rapper Eminem still has a stronghold on the number-one spot of the Billboard 200 albums chart. Not even Korn could touch the rapper's four-week reign.

The Eminem Show bested Korn's fifth album *Untouchables* by nearly 100,000 copies, according to SoundScan figures released Wednesday.



Photos by Spc. Erica Leigh Foley

Soccer is centerstage worldwide, and Bagram Air Base is no exception. Several soldiers representing different countries had friendly soccer games at Camp Azzurro Sunday.

Italians spice up base soccer matches

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BAGRAM AIR BASE, Afghanistan — Several soldiers representing numerous nations competed in a mini-World Cup competition Sunday at the Camp Azzurro.

Unlike the ongoing world's spectacle, which pits 32 countries against one another for the right to hoist the golden trophy, this contest was more pleasant than bloodthirsty as the Italian, Polish and English armies battled in insignificant games.

"(The Italians) invited us to this competition," said Polish

Warrant officer Darek Czyz. "We are happy to be here playing a couple of soccer matches."

"It's always good to play together because we are a coalition force," said Andrea DeMarco, Italian soldier.

The action started with Polish and English troops squaring off. Although there wasn't an official score, sources say the Polish looked unstoppable. The English squad took their next match against Italy, which played out to a rout. Poland kept the Italian army woes going by dismantling them. They took their turn against Italy which the same result.

"It was excellent out here," said Jez Grindred, English troop. "The matches relieve all the stress accumulated during the week."

"We came out to be part of the comradery," said Tom Jacques, English troop. "It was a lot of fun."

After all the soccer matches ended, Italian soldiers invited all the players to munch on homemade pizza, sip on wine and watch World Cup highlights.

"I hope we have more of these types of events," DeMarco said. "I want to thank everyone for coming."

The next base soccer game will be Sunday morning at 10th Mountain Division, hosted by the British.

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Then the unthinkable happened. In 1991, on her way to the Gold Cup title, she beat him!

Many of his fans took that victory as a fluke. Nevertheless, he was angry. The same crowd was seen burning her flag at the 1992 Olympic qualifiers. The fluke became a realization when she beat him at the Rose Bowl in front of 90,000 loyal fans just before the 1994 World Cup.

Now, as he stood on the field in Jeonju, South Korea, many miles away from home, they were set to go at it one more time. He knew her history as well as she knew his.

She hadn't made it past this round since 1930. She bombed in the 1998 World Cup in France, finishing 32nd, or last.

He was here before, but was never the favorite to win it all. He was playing extremely well, tying perennial winner Italy in the first round, finishing first in his difficult group.

But none of that mattered now as their match got underway.

Yep, things were looking just like they should. He was dominating the contest. He kept her away from the ball and then ...

GOOOAAALLL!!! Brian McBride put the ball past his goalkeeper, Oscar Perez, from 12 yards in the eighth minute. She had a 1-0 lead.

He looked around the stadium. Stunned silence.

Faces in disbelief. Something was obviously wrong. This wasn't happening. Not again, not here.

He conjured enough courage to mask his fear, even pressed on with the game plan. He needed one goal to tie. No need to worry. Just get it together, he thought to himself. Ramon Morales had an open net in the 15th minute, but it hooked wide. Cuauhtemoc Blanco tried it in the 35th minute. Twice. Nothing.

The game kept going at an intense pace until the 65th minute when 20-year-old Landon Donovan literally knocked him out of the match with a goal.

She was about to beat him again.

He had to do something. That's when the contest turned ugly as he received five yellow cards and an ejection. He was upset, ignoring the traditional exchange of shirts, walking off, and shaking his head in doubt as she celebrated on the field.

Several hours later, back in his hotel room, he looked in the mirror. Is she for real, winning five times in the last six games? His fans would surely not understand. The ridiculing has already started in his country.

He went to bed wondering how they lost to her in the World Cup.

Mexico went to sleep thinking about America.

*She was
about to beat
him again.*

2002 World Cup quarterfinals

***Today
England v. Brazil***

U.S.A. v. Germany

***Tomorrow
Spain v. S. Korea***

Turkey v. Senegal

HIND SIGHT

1633

Galileo Galilei is forced by Inquisition to "abjure, curse and detest" his Copernican heliocentric views

1792

Vancouver meets Spanish ships *Sutil* and *Mexicana* off Vancouver, B.C.

1869

The opera "Die Meistersinger" is produced (Munich)













1887

Britain celebrates golden jubilee of Queen Victoria

1963

Pope Paul VI (Giovanni Battista Montini) succeeds John XXIII

Regional Weather

	Today	Saturday	Sunday
Bagram	 Hi — 97F Lo — 70F	 Hi — 100F Lo — 70F	 Hi — 99F Lo — 72F
K2	 Hi — 99F Lo — 46F	 Hi — 101F Lo — 50F	 Hi — 103F Lo — 50F
Kabul	 Hi — 95F Lo — 64F	 Hi — 97F Lo — 66F	 Hi — 95F Lo — 68F
Khandahar	 Hi — 106F Lo — 68F	 Hi — 104F Lo — 70F	 Hi — 102F Lo — 72F

Bagram chapel hours

Sunday

- ❖ 0500Z — Roman Catholic mass
- ❖ 0630Z — Protestant worship
- ❖ 0830Z — Latter-Day Saints worship
- ❖ 1130Z — Roman Catholic mass
- ❖ 1430Z — Protestant worship

Monday

- ❖ 1130Z — Rosary and prayers

Tuesday

- ❖ 1130Z — Orthodox/Catholic Bible study
- ❖ 1430Z — Protestant Bible study

Wednesday

- ❖ 1130Z — Roman Catholic mass
- ❖ 1430Z — Gospel mid-week service

Thursday

- ❖ 1130Z — Protestant choir practice

Friday

- ❖ 0830Z — Islamic Jumaa'h prayer
- ❖ 1130Z — Orthodox Christian hymn service
- ❖ 1430Z — Jewish prayer

Saturday

- ❖ 0530Z — Seventh-Day Adventist worship
- ❖ 1130Z — Orthodox Christian Divine Liturgy

D F A C hours

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Breakfast

0230Z to 0430Z
0230Z to 0430Z
0200Z to 0330Z

Lunch

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Dinner

1230Z to 1430Z
1200Z to 1400Z
1230Z to 1415Z